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ASSESSMENT OF SCHEMES OF HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has made any assessment of the implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes in the Handloom/Handicraft sector for the ScheduleD Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for above categories in each State during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has started any programme to impart training to the craftswomen engaged in this sector; and

(e) if so, the total number of exhibitions organized by the Government in this regard during the year 2004-05?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) The Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented for the development and promotion of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers cater to the handloom weavers, including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women. There is no specific scheme for any particular social category of handloom weavers. No assessment of the implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes implemented in the handloom sector has so far been made. So far as Handicrafts are concerned, there is no centrally sponsored scheme being implemented by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) in the Handicraft sector. The schemes being implemented for the development & promotion of handicrafts are Central Sector Schemes which cater to the needs of all artisans, including Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Women. There is no specific scheme for any particular category of artisans.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no allocation of funds specifically for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and women under the handloom sector schemes.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Handloom Training Project" has been introduced in December, 2003 for imparting training in the handloom sector for skill upgradation of handloom weavers including women weavers. The Scheme provides equal opportunity to the male and female weavers for training. The Government is also implementing training schemes for handicraft artisans, which also cover crafts women.

(e) During the year 2004-05, 220 Design Exhibitions-cum-Dyeing Workshops were conducted under the handloom sector. A total number of 270 exhibitions were organized in the country during 2004-05 to provide marketing opportunities to artisans under the Handicraft sector.